

Everybody make hay while the sun shines. Fodder is going to be fodder eral bank account alone. Make hay.

It is stated that a saloon in Chicago

The defunct Democratic party of the state is showing symptoms of general resuscitation of late. The stalwart Democrats of Lawrence, it is said, propose to reorganize the Jeffersonian club in that city as a straight out Democratic organization to hereafter fight fusion with the populists.

As to Speaker Crisp, he is said to retain his wanted equipoise and uniform good humor, only his smile is not as Bland as it use to be. Some are uncharitable enough to hint that the Grover-ling. This is pretty low down, but some high-up people are doing it, nevertheless.

Mr. Ingails seems determined to tantalize Bill Hackney into replying to him. When the ex-senator and statesman-outof-a-job heard that Hackney was going to help Billinggins organize a business man's party be remarked "What a queer usion that will be!" If the Atchison sage gets both the Bills after him at once they will make it Bill-ious for him, sure enough,

All the same and nevertheless the good must have absolute union and harmony general has succeeded in holding on to in our party. We believe the Republitime, at a big salary.

use shall be put up in round bottles, state to the hands of its friends?" while those for external application are to be in hexagonal bottles only. That would seem to indicate a surprising government there seems to put upon its form that demands the repeal of the tax and swell the ranks of the army.

ple out there on account of crop rattures. It is the crazy suggestion of the country would be infinite gainer by are interested in destroying the greater friends advising those who contemplate visiting the world's fair to wear nothing the prompt immigration of all such part of our money of final payment."

this fact entitles them all the more to sion is to strengthen the credit, not credit when they do, even though the weaken it; hence, to open up the way rare exceptions are accidental, or inci- to state banks would be jumping out of dental, rather than deliberate intent. the frying pan into the fire." On this line the EAGLE is constrained to and papers have condemned him there- bind anybody to anything. for, but because we believe he is right,

United States building."

and the strip in dealing with train rob-

immigration from the eastern and muldie states may be looked for this year. A financial panic has always caused an vanished before congress meets. Inunusual exodus to the west of emigrants | deed, we are a funny, folk. from the east. That kansas would have received a large influx of population | Sol Miller of the Troy Chief is known during the coming fall and winter, but as the Job of modern times, so even-temfor the calamitous whine set up by a pereil and patient like is he. But there is over the water? few irresponsibles for personal revenue one little sare that purry near terments only, there is no doubt. In 1873 Kansas him into an epen rebellion. Hear him and Nebraska received enormous addi- tell of it:

The following, taken from the editorial columns of the Fort Scott Monitor, is big with timely and valuable advice to Republicans throughout Kansas, and Since the change of the postoffice at the EagLE commends it to the thought-Topeka, the Journal says the old song ful consideration of all, although in-"And The Letter That He Longer For tended especially for Republicans the Never Came," has revived in popularity. facts set out are of as much concern to all other citizens of the state as to Republicans. The Monitor says: 'A good many Republicans say, "O, there is another winter and the man who has a nothing but county officers to elect this good supply of Kansas grass on hand fall, and we will not be so particular will be better fixed than if he had a lib- about drawing party lines.' This is the way Republicans too often fool away their opportunities. It is just such actions as this that gives offices has added two hundred and fifty thou-to men who use all their power and insand dollars' worth of paintings to its fluence to beat the party. The first other "attractions," and likewise conthing needed is harmony in the party. tributed liberally to the fund raised to
This is a time in the history of the reney, based upon a gold and silver reascure the closing of the world's fair on
country and the party when there should secure the closing of the world's fair on country and the party when there should country and the party when there should be no divisions. To start on, we should each resolve that no personal feeling world over.

| Serve, thus presenting a current of the people that will pay debts and taxes, and a dollar will go for a dollar the prince imperial, whom we knew to be with his father in the field. A fortparty; that no secondary or minor issues to the one great Republican idea of country first, last and all the time, should keep us from casting our lot with the party, to stay with it to the finish. It is

county offices in the hands of friends? county offices this fall, more particularly those that bear most dithe pension drawn by General John C. ought not at this time to cause division some good paying office most of the can party can win if it is wisely, handled. On this depends the country's safety and prosperity. Is there not enough danger Germany has passed a law requiring in the situation to cause every patriot to that all drugs intended for internal do his best for the restoration of the

A BOLD RENIG. There are at least two Democratic amount and degree of illiteracy among papers in the south that do not take any the German people. The chief value the stock in the plank of the Chicago platcitizens is for their ability to pay taxes on state banks. "We have seen the proposition," says the Constitution, "set ; forth in some of the shady places of build her hotel on a modern basis and The farmers of Rocks county to a the northeast but we have not thought better adapted to the progressive times. large extent, says the Stockton Record, about it for the simple reason that it is That is characteristic of the business porcleared up all their chaltel mortgages, not a thinkable proposition. It does not and very few owe the local banks. A go on all fours with the Democratic great many have also lifted their real platform; it does not fit itself with comestate mortgages, while others have par- mon sense and reason; and it does not tially paid them. And yet there are meet the views of those who are in favor persons in that part of the state-west- of a sound and stable currency, redeemern Kansas-who have howled them- able in gold and silver-the money of selves hourse for an extra session of the the constitution. In short, the proposilegislature to provide relief for the peo- tion has nothing whatever to go upon. crop. ple out there on account of crop failures. It is the crazy suggestion of those who

This is a plain, blunt way of stating commend the fairness and good sense the facts of the case, but it sounds odd expressed by Attorney General Little in | coming from the leading party organs in his letter to Mr. Richards of Fort Scott the section where the scheme has been in regard to the prohibitory law and its understood to be in greatest public favor. enforcement. We are not prompted to it goes to prove that the declarations set say this much in defense of the attorney forth in Democratic platforms are simply general because his own party leaders | meant as political playthings and do not

"Talk about calamity in Kansas," says The Inter-Ocean seems to be stuck Mr. H. D. Rush, the great miller at (pardon the slang) on the Kansas build- Leavenworth, in the Times, "why we ing and exhibit at the world's fair as will have more than plenty to seed and witness this reference thereto: "Kansas feed the state until another crop can be has lavished its strength and resource in taised. It is all buncombe about calling column. its state building. The fullness of the a special session of the legislature for state product is to be seen in every nook the purpose of giving seed wheat to writes the Topeka Journal, correcting and corner, but the famous feature is in farmer. Kansas raised twenty-five mil- some wrong impressions that have been the center of the building at the north lions of bushels of wheat this year and published about the government experiend. This is an amphitheater, and is that, with what there is in elevators and constructed as a panorama. * * The | the farmers have stored of old wheat we entire display should certainly be seen, can have wheat to spare. It takes now of the Arkausas valley. He says the farm for next to the Smithsonian exhibit, it is worthy of attention, and in some reach the people of Kansas. Take the Arkansas valley. The Arkansas valley. The Arkansas valley. The farm the Arkansas valley. The Arkansas valley. spects is not inferior to that in the what we have raised this year and add hundred different kinds of grass have to it the old wheat in store and we can been experimented with. Senator Brown furnish seed and bread for every person A California paper, commenting upon | in Kansas and have thirty-eight millions the new precedent set by conductors on of bushels left for sale. The state is the Santa Fe railway in western Kansas | full of good corn this year, there being over seven millions of acres planted,"

"A Kansas conductor has very crude ideas about how to treat train robbers and yer he has a business way about him that is worsty of condustria. Thursday an Oklahoma bandit at the point of a rifle compelled the conductor to stop his train, get off and then ordered him to go ahead with him to the engine. When the two reached the ground the conductor with a mighty swing of his good right arm felled the bandit to the ground, took his gan away from him. the bandit to the ground, took his gan away from him and aimost beat him into a jelly with it. Then he took the badly for an extra session of congress grew takes the persimmons." ject of its desire, throws it down and the plow going again. As soon as the goes about its play, or begins to cogitate | wheat was off the ground the plow was what next to cry for. The demand started and the early plowing is what away from him and almost beat first into a pelly with it. Then he took the badly for an extra session of congress grew wintpied gentleman to Wichita and loiged him in jail. Little by little the glory of the train robbers is being snatched from thing that could save the country from certain and speedy ruin; but the call for the extra session had not been promul-The Chevenne Sun says that a large gated forty-eight hours until the tension begun to relax, and the indications now are the best that the trouble (?) will have

and Neuraska received enormous additions to their populations, and men of all professions, trades and occupations moved westward, and the conditions for a similar movement to this state are far more inviting now than they were then. What effect the recent plant will have is hard to tell at present, though it is

Considering the fact that the whole country is stirred up on the money question and the silver states are threatening revolution—that congress is called to meet in special session to consider this question, it is evident that no party can afford to ignore it. So far it been a party question. Republicans and Democrats voted together in congress and have, also, differed. But the time has come when the lines must be drawn. The R-publican party must define its of Bataille's tirailleurs, firing as they position. Failing to do so, its members hurried across the plain. The tirailleurs will drift to parties making this question an issue. The Democrats under Cleveland will rally round the "single standard" for one class of people and wildcat money for another class. The Populist party will lavor flat money without a redeemer. The Republican party should favor a national legal tender paper cur-

THE THEORY OF WOMAN.

From the Pittsburg Times, The Rev. C. S. Lucas, pastor of the party, to stay with it to the finish. It is a question of patriotism, pure and sima question of patriotism, pure and simple. It is a question of loyalty to the marks by saying he would challenge the was a French camp of some size, constitution and laws of the state. If world to disprove any statement he we have the power, why not have the made, and if any of his hearers were in ounty offices in the hands of friends?

doubt as to any point made he would confusion was observed about the charge of the first fear and the camp, and I distingthant "Do Republicans not know that a most his study to proving all he said. He said: discerned the emperor and his son strenuous fight is now being made by "God created animals in pairs, but emerge from the building, mount and smooth Gaergian is showing signs of the Populists, whose papers in this state Adam individually and alone. Eve was of Kansas have nearly all upheld the act in Adam originally, and woman came of the governor of Illinois in pardoning from man entirely. Man was not the Haymarket murderers, to secure the created for woman, but woman for man. Adam lost by the operation what God took to put in Eve. He was created a rectly on the execution of the new ballot law? Our control, as a party, for a number of years depends entirely upon securing the offices this foll to converge this fell. On our species this fell to be a secured to the prince was worth and female. It is not believed occasionally to gossip with me about that Moses meant a rib was those early days of the great war taken from Adam. Dust was used to make man, but woman was made posite sides, and he told me his experience on the morning spoken of fall. On our success this fall depends to Eve's nostrils. She got breath from the much greater struggle which will take place next year. The party needs take place next year. The party needs to Eve's nostrils, She got breath from A crash awoke him with a start, Adam. The Biblie shows two principals, and he was sitting up in bed bewiltake place next year. The party needs is the spirit and the female principal is the spirit and the female principal. the benefit which a decisive victory will the soul. A woman's heart is her home. She walks the earth by divine right as important matters of party policy about the queen of hearts and the queen of Some of the papers have been giving which its members differ, but these men. Eve was given a body of finer organization than man. It is not a Black as \$75 per month. The American in our ranks. The first step is to get information by intuition, If once a soldier, published at Washington, D. C., control again. For the sake of gaining woman becomes a thinker she is a mangiver his pension as \$100 per month, and this point all minor considerations can nish woman. What the serpent tempted it says it is for the less of both arms. be laid aside for future settlement. We Eve with was to abdicate her soul and love and usurp Adam's power as a

> get married as it was to be baptized. ABOUT KANSAS

saying it was as much a person's duty to

speaker concluded

thinker."

The

The annual school meeting in every school district in Kansas will be held on Thursday, July 27. The only officer to be elected this year is the treasurer.

Emporia has a fat man's club, the averweight of whose members is 250 age pounds. Their favorite pastime these sweltering July days is foot racing. The Republican says they caper around like so many unbroke colts.

The Pantagraph says Sedgwick will retion of that municipality-wide-awake and enterprising.

Stafford Republican: The wheat harvest in this county is about completed, and while it is nothing like last year, it is by no means a failure. Corn, generally is looking well and should we have rain through this and next month as we have had through June, we shall have a large

The Memphis Appeal Avalanche is but old shoes, and all the gillies are titteralso opposed to the repeal of the tax on ing and giggling at the spectacle their fer-Not many Populast efficials do or say state banks. It says, "the prime object the imaginations suggest. Do the Janssen the French astronomer who things worthy of commendation, and in calling congress together in extra sess smartles expect a woman to tog out her pedals with a whole trosseau this hot

The Kansan says some wheat in the southern part of Harvey county is making an average of forty bushels to the acre and the Burrton Graphic quotes A. M. Richenberger as saving that on last Thursday his hands tried to see how much wheat they could cut in an old-fashion fourteen hour day, and with a Plano header they downed fifty-six acres. barvest are exceptional for this season.

The absence of kicks from Topeka against the railroads is explained by the Abliene Reflector in the circumstance that one-half the people in the capital city ride on the roads and settle their fares with passes. But, since the roads have cut the pass passengers off from berth privileges, the Topekans will probably be found in the front rank of the kickers'

Senator Milton Brown of Garden City mental station at Garden City. tion, says Mr Brown, is not situated on a high table land, but on the second bottom The farm says that Secretary Morton has been misreported in his remarks about the station and has not been treating it unjustly.

There is a valuable pointer to farmers this, from the Pratt Republican: While on a trip through Kingman, Har-The business community of the United per and Sedgwick counties last week we noticed that those counties had received more rain than Pratt county, and hence heir crops were a little better. The wheat in Harper county is estimated at one-half an ordinary crop and in Sedgwick and Kingman nearly as good. One feature of their success was apparent when we say

EXCHANGE EPITOMES,

Three of a Sort

From the Troy CateL. Kaiser Williemn is having a hard time of it with his army ball in the Reichstag, and old man Gladstone is having just as hard a time with his home rule bill in parhament, When Uncle Grover Cleveland get his silver

Beformer, With a Big R.

Nosh Allen, a Wichita reformer with a big R, who got appointed assistant attorney general and at once concluded that he was a bigger man than his boss, has gone into eclipse. A little three hundred dollar transaction did the busi-Great is reform with a big R. is hard to tell at present, though it is hoped no harm will result, since the Democrat to the place. And yet his fakes were promptly followed up by facts as to the real situation.

It is a waste of effect.

Allen, by the way, is the fellow who made a speech at Autelope, in this country, last fall, and pitched into that awful Republican, whom he never saw want anything quite so loud."—I and didn't know—Roch. Ts, ts, Noal.

PARTIES AND THE MONEY QUES- A PRINCE'S BAPTISM OF FIRE. Young Louis Napoleon's Initiation in the Horrible Art of War.

"I knew the prince well. On the

first two occasions I saw him it was

through a binocular from a consider-

able distance. August 2, 1870, the day

on which the boy of fourteen, in the words of his father, "received his bap-tism of fire," I was watching from the drill ground above Snarbruck, in company with the last remaining Prussian soldiers, the oncoming swarm attack of Bataille's tirailleurs, firing as they had passed a little knoll which rose in the plain about midway between the Spicheren hill and where I stood, and presently it was crowned by two horsemen, followed by a great staff. The glass told me that without a doubt the senior of the foremost horsemen was the Emperor Napoleon, and that of the younger, shorter and slighter night later, in the early morning of the 15th, the day before Mars-la-Tour, when the German army was still only east and south of Metz, I accompanied a German horse-battery which, galloping up to within five hundred paces of the chateau of Longueville, around which opened fire on chateau and camp After a few shells had been fired great gallop away, followed by suite and escort. Years later, in Zululand, when the day's work was done for both of us, and the twilight was falling on the rolling veldt, the prince was wont occasionally to gossip with me about the exclamation: "Up. Louis, up. and dress, the German shells are crashing through the roofs." As the prince looked out of the window while he hurricdly dressed he saw a shell fall and burst in a group of officers seated in the garden at breakfast, and when the smoke lifted three of them lay dead. That the story of his nerves having been shattered by the bullet fire at Saarbruck was untrue seems proved by an episode he related to me of that morning an hour later. On the steep ascent of the chaussee up to Chatel the imperial party was wedged in the heart of a complete block of troops, wagons and guns; a long delay seemed inevitable. But the lad had noticed a wayside gate whence a track led up through the vineyard. He followed it to the crest and marked its trend; then riding back he called aloud: "This way, papa." The prince's side track turned a block, and presently the party were in the new quarters in the anverge of Gravelotte.-Archibald Forbes, in Century.

SNOW-CAPPED HEIGHTS.

Some Observations Taken on the Summi Some exceedingly interesting ob servations on the peculiar condition of snow on the tops of lofty mountains have been made in connection with the attempt to found a meteorological and astronomical observatory on the summit of Mount Blanc. It looked at one time as though the undertaking would have to be abandoned, because it was assumed that a rock foundation for the proposed building was indispensable, and the snow proved to be so deep that the rock could not be reached But M. observatory, was not discouraged.

He gave the world a taste of his quality, indeed, as long ago as 1870, when he escaped from Paris in a balloon, tion of the sailing over the heads of the besieging Germans, in order to go and witness a total eclipse of the sun. So intrepid a the ocean currents may be expected. spirit was not to be easily baffled by a little snow on a mountain.

M. Janssen accordingly began to make some experiments. He piled up a little snow mountain, and by means of pressure brought the snow to the degree of density possessed by that on the peak of Mount Blanc.

Then he erceted a structure consisting of leaden disks upon the snew, and | European hydrographers, and especialwatched the extent to which its weight caused it to sink. The sinking was so very slight that M. Janssen concluded that an observatory building about thirty-three feet long and sixteen feet wide-the desired size-and weighing as much as two thousand tons might be erected upon the snow on Mont formation relative to the atmospheric Blane without sinking more than a few

The foundation timbers will be purposely sunk some distance below the a reputation of which all Americans ordinary surface of the snow, and it is may well be proud. - Washington Post. calculated that there they will remain substantially without change of position. In ease any sinking does occur a system of jackscrews will enable the inmates of the observatory to readjust its level.

The fact that the crowning snow cap of Mont Blane is so stable is very interesting. Although it is exposed to the winds from every side, the observations of several years have detected very slight alterations in it.

It has frequently been said that con siderable uncertainty must exist as to the precise height of anow-tipped mountains, owing to changes in the level of But so far as these observations on Mont Blane go, it would appear that snow may form almost as unalterable a summit for a mountain as the solid rock itself. - Youth's Compan-

Repartee.

"I can't take this joke." said the editor "It's been done, and we never do anything in this office that has been

Then you've got to take it," said Wagg-If you reject it you will be what has been done before. -

Too Much Sugar. Little Johnny-You ought to have een Gus De Smith and sister make lemonade.

Mrs. Brown-How did they do it? Little Johnny-Sister Birdie held the lemon while Gus squeezed Birdie.-Texas Siftings.

No Phonographs, Please. This goods speaks for itself, mad-"Yes," was the reply. "but I don't want anything quite so loud."-Town

THE POET LAUREATE. Something of the History of This Unique

The recent death of Tennyson calls attention to the honorary appointment which he held under the British crown. The usage of having a court poet is a very old one. It can be traced back to Greece. From Greece the custom was adopted by Rome. Statuary shows us the poets of both these people, with their features shaded by a crown of laurel. The title poet laureate, so far as we can learn, was devised by Frederick I. of Germany, who bestowed it with a wreath of bay leaves upon the monk Gunther.
Gunther is said to have celebrated

his monarch's deeds in an uple poem This was in the twelfth century, and a copy of the poem would now be difficult

From the time of Petrarch, who was crowned at Rome, the title became for some centuries an honorary degree which the universities of the continent and of England were authorized to confer. We may suppose that the favor was sometimes unworthily granted, else why should Sancho Panza have consoled his ass, when both ass and rider had fallen into a ditch, by exclaiming: "I promise to give thee double feed, and to place a crown of laurel on thy head that thou mayest look like a poet laureate?"

It is only through tradition that we are able to assign an origin to this of fice in England. In the deed which conferred upon Chaucer and his suc-cessors in the office an annuity and the yearly allowance of a tierce-forty gallons-of sweet Malvoisie wine, the king named the father of English literature as "My valet, Geoffrey Chaucer." The monarch made no allusion to his 'valet's" poetie genius.

In the time of Queen Elizabeth there was need of a poet laureate because of the frequency with which masques were performed by her command. These masques required the composition of what we call libretti, a species of verse which is set to music, of which we have a sample in Milton's "Comus. Spenser served her majesty well in supplying these, 7

A royal patent for a poet laureate under the seal of the lord chamberlain was not formally made out until 1630, when Charles I, bestowed the title upon Ben Jonson. No doubt this poet val-ued the gift of Canary wine that came every year with his annuity, and shared it generously with his companions. Southey was perhaps the only one of all the poets laureate who ever com-

muted his allowance of wine for money. Southey and Wordsworth were the immediate predecessors of Tennyson. It is not easy to make out the line of court poets even from the time of Ben Jonson to Southey. Under the commonwealth there was no court and no occasion for a poet laureate. After the restoration Dryden held the office, and he was followed by Shadwell, Tate. Rowe, Eusden, Cibber, Whitehead, War ton and Pye. The reader will see from this list how obscure many of the laureates have become.-Youth's Compan-

OCEAN CURRENTS EXPLAINED.

Discovery Which Shows that They Are

Under the direction of Lieut.-Com. Richardson Clover, the hydrographic office of the navy has made one of most momentous discoveries in the whole annuls of hydrography. It is safe to say that the seamen and meteor ologists of the whole world will soon be discussing it. It has been discovered that the direction of the wind and also of all the great ocean current closely conforms to the line of barometric Those lines, or curthey are generally called, seem in fact conceived the project of a Mount Blane to suggest the flow of the great ocean currents of wind and water. Knowing the conformation of these barometric curves it is possible to predict the direcwinds for considerable periods and also to inform mariners in advance what changes in the flow of

Hitherto there has never been any explanation of the relation of these one to another, and the chart to be is sued by the hydrographic office next week will contain the first official annonneement to the world of scientific generalization which should make Clover's name universally famous. It will be a wonderful revelation to the ly to the English, whose latest charts show an astounding ignorance of the direction of the ocean currents along

The United States naval hydrographic office now takes its due place as the great source and headquarters for in and other conditions of the sea and its charts, which are already invaluable to all mariners, must hereafter possess

Sleep with Head to the North.

The old-time superstitious belief that human beings should sleep with their heads toward the north is now believed to be based upon a scientific principle Some French savants have made exwho had suffered death and these tests go to prove that each human body is in itself an electric battery, one electrode being represented by the head and the other by the feet. The body of the subject upon which the queer experiments mentioned above were made was taken immediately after death and placed upon a pivotal (hourd, free move in any direction. After some littie vaciliation the head portion surned toward the north and then remained stationary. One of the experimenters took hold of the pivot board and turned it so that the head pointed south, but upon being freed it almost immediately resumed the first named position—turned until the head pointed To prove that this was neither ecident or coincident upon muscular twitchings, as some had suggested, the board was repeatedly turned half around and then freed, but always with similar results. - Boston Glubs.

An Unnecessary Coinage.

Washington society last winter kness a very self-sufficient buchelor who was a congressman. In certain lines he ras smart enough, but generally speaking be needed about twice as much sense as he usually displayed. One evening he was talking to a sharp girl "I tell you what it is," he mid, "I shall introduce a bill for the coinage

"Why are you going to do it?" she asked, innocently. have already."-Detroit Free Press

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RATTLESNAKES ARE UGLY.

An Old Hunter Relates Some of His Experiences With the Deadly Reptiles.

"The rattlesnake, like the skunk," said an old rattlesnake hunter, "minds its own business and doesn't interfere with any other creature, unless it is molested. In an old wood road one spring I got sight of a rattlesnake and a pheasant near together. The pheasant was picking seeds on the ground. and the snake's eves were glittering at it from the center of its coil, so I kept back, expecting to see the rattler strike at the bird, in case it came near enough. I soon noticed that the pheasant was crippled, but that it picked all around the rattlesnake, as though it didn't see it, although the snake moved is head and eved the bird. When the pheasant had limped around in front of the smake it was not more than a quarter of the snake's length away from the coil, but the rattler didn't stir. and the bird continued to feed. with its tail toward the snake. All of a sudden a wildcat pounced on the pheasant from the side of the road, and just as suddenly the rattler shot out its head, struck its fangs in the wildcat's left shoulder, and coiled again. wildent leaped into the air with a scream, the pheasant fluttered into the brush, and the snake struck again just as the wildcat came down, hitting it in the ribs. The wildest sprang upon a log, and began to bite its side, and the rattler threw itself into a coil and glared at it. In a moment the wildcat gave a cry, jumped down and started to run around the snake, hissing and spitting till the rattler struck again, but failed to reach. It coiled once more, and like a flash the wildcat got its teeth in the back of its neek, rendering the snake powerless to use its fangs, and while the rattler was writeing the wildent ripped its body into strips with its hind claws. Then the wildcat got upon the log and began to lick its shoulder, but in three or four minutes it tumbled off, had a spasm of two, and stretched out as dead as the

"While engaged in killing many hundreds of rattlesnakes for their oil." the but one fight between a rattler and a blucksnake, and that battle-ended very differently from some of the fights my friends tell about having witnessed by tween the same kind of reptiles. The rattlesnake was stretched out on a rock, under a sumach limb, and as I approached to pin it down, it threw itself into a coil and raised its head toward the sumach, in the top of which there was a blacksnake. I had heard so much about the ability of the black snake to break a rattler all up that I backed off in the expectation of seeing it done with my own eyes. The black snake soon dropped its head and about two feet of its body from the limb directly over the rattle-nake, where it remained stationary, the two snakes eyeing one another like gameroks ready for battle. In a short time the blacksnake let its head swing from right to left, and at that the rattlesnake buzzet a little, ran out its tongue and moved its hend, so as to keep track of the blacksnake's movements. While awinging the blacksnake lowered itself a little further, and when the heads of the two were about three feet apart the black snake slid from the tree so quickly that couldn't see how it did it, and in the next instant the jaws of the two were ocked and the rattler was pounding the blacksnake on the rack so fast and furiously that the blacksnake had no chance to coil itself around its antago-It was plain that the rattlesnake had fastened its fangs in the blackanake's under jaw when the blacksnake tried to seize it by the neck, and that it

snake was.

had then given the blacksnake a jerk and flung it out straight. Several times the blacksnake came within an acc of coiling around the rattler, but the latter whaled it on the rock till it was completely disabled, when it loosed its hold and struck the blacksnake twice in the side. Then the rattlesnake coiled and watched the writhings of the blacksnake till it died I wanted the blacksnake to kill the catther, but as it failed to do so I killed it

myself. "The most interesting snake fight I ever saw was between two male rattlesnakes. They came together from op-posite directions on a rock and immedi-ately began to rattle violently and challenge one another to fight. they had got within fifteen or twenty inches of one another their eves flashed and they stopped. In a twinkling they colled and at one another they struck like prize-fighters or game cock, colling and hitting each other in the neck and on the body so often and so viciously that I imagined I could see the liquid polson in the air-about them. had only one way of fighting and that was to strike with all their might and to keep right at it without a break As they say about ring fights nowaduys, it was a fight to a finish, for when it was ended both snakes were dead and not a rattle was left on the tail of either, they had fought so bitterly.

"I once saw a skunk approach so near to a rattlesmake that the snake gave a rattle of alarm. The noise must have startled the skunk, for it instantly turned its odoriferous weapon on the spot the sound came from. The spray struck the rattlesmake square in the face and instantly the reptile flew into the most violent passion, writhing, rattobacco had been dropped into its mouth. The sickening jodor overcame the snake and inside of five minutes it worked itself into such a fit of rage or pain that it jabbed its fangs into its body and killed itself."-N. Y. Sun.

"Well, old man, four thousand dellars for ten minutes work

"Ten minutes' work!" ejaculated the successful prize fighter. "I s'pose you ferrit that I have had to make no less's four hundred and eighty-seven speaches in the last tiree months, besides all the necespaper fellers I've lad to talk to. I guess you think us pugillats has got . puddin'."-Indianapolis Journal

"Is this lobster or chicken. Bridget?" asked Mrs. Hones as she was about to make the salud.

Dunno, mum," replied the servants "the label was torn off before I opened the cun "- Druke's Magazine

Considerable Cutting. Snooper-Wasn't Mrs. Weeds badly out up when her husband died?

Skidmore-Yes, but not so much "How's that?" "The doctors held a post-mortem on

him "-Truth.

The Mote in the Eye-"I never knew a man so set agains! anything as he is against cigarettes."

"Melton. He can't see a man amoke ing one without making some insults ing remark. He says they are disgust-

Malton? Malton? O. yes. I think I recall him now. He is a big, fat fellow, isn't he?"

"Yes." Chews tobacco, smells of onlone

and eats with his lenife? "That's the man."-Life.



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